

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 237, electing the following Member to the Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Woolsey (to rank immediately after Representative Gene Green of Texas).

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Water Quality Investment Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 1262, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, by a recorded vote of 317 ayes to 101 noes, Roll No. 123.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the Chair may reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any question that otherwise could be subjected to 5-minute voting under clause 8 or 9 of rule 20 or under clause 6 of rule 18.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule.

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Accepted:

Oberstar amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that authorizes tribal governments to be eligible for technical and management assistance for small publicly-owned sewerage agencies; amends an existing Clean Water Act authority for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to carry out pilot projects by ensuring that certain “green technology” activities are eligible for controlling stormwater runoff, and increase the authorization of appropriations for this authority to \$100 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014; clarifies the eligibility for construction of energy-efficient or renewable-energy generation technologies at publicly-owned sewerage agencies under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; provides additional criteria for States to determine “affordability criteria” for waste-water infrastructure projects and activities, including factors related to per capita income and local unemployment rates; provides additional transparency and accountability for expenditures from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund by requiring EPA to conduct, and make publicly available, an annual performance review of expenditures from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, including a review of the types and categories of projects and activities carried out using the fund, and an estimate of the number of jobs created from proceeds of the fund; strikes a provision related to the collection of tonnage duties that was unnecessary; authorizes additional studies on the water-related infrastructure needs along the United States-Mexican border region, and the condition of

wastewater infrastructure on the Great Lakes; requires States to set aside 20 percent of combined sewer and sanitary sewer grants to communities that implement green infrastructure or other water and energy efficient improvements; and requires the EPA Administrator to conduct a study on the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in the waters of the United States;

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Markey (CO) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires states to use at least 15 percent (instead of 10 percent as required in the bill) of each capitalization grant for water pollution control to provide assistance to municipalities of less than 10,000 people to the extent that there are sufficient applications for assistance;

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Miller (MI) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that directs the EPA to convene a task force (EPA, FDA, and others appointed by the Administrator of the EPA) to develop recommendations on the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals and a strategy to educate the public on those recommendations. Also permits, at the request of the head of the task force, any federal agency or department to detail personnel to the task force;

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Flake amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that prohibits earmarking of funds appropriated as a result of the reauthorization of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Funds included in the bill;

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Oberstar amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires that States, in the development of their priority methodology, give priority to projects that construct bioswales that filter and naturally store stormwater runoff and floodwaters for future water supply and recharge of natural aquifers;

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Roskam amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires the Director of OMB to study programs authorized by the Act under the Program Assessment Rating Tool or a successor performance assessment tool developed by OMB;

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Dahlkemper amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires certification by a system operator that both water and energy conservation are components of their fiscal sustainability plan;

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Wittman amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111–36) that requires the OMB Director to submit to Congress a financial report containing an inter-agency crosscut budget for restoration activities that protect, conserve, or restore water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Also, the EPA Administrator will have to develop and update an adaptive management plan for Chesapeake Bay restoration activities; and

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